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SUBJ: COLONEL QADHAFI TAKES TOUGH LINE WITH ARAB STATES

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED MAY 5 THAT COLONEL QADHAFI HAD SUMMONED ON MAY 4 CONSECUTIVELY AMBASSADOR OF SAUDI ARABIA, AMBASSADOR OF THE UAE AND THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF KUWAIT FOR DISCUSSIONS OF REGIONAL AFFAIRS. PRESS CARRIED NO DETAILS OF DISCUSSIONS. SUBSEQUENTLY, EGYPTIAN CHARGE ADELL STATED (ADELL'S COMMENTS MUST ALWAYS BE CAUTIOUSLY TAKEN) THAT PURPOSE OF SUMMONS WAS TO DENOUNCE THE ASSISTANCE THESE COUNTRIES WERE PROVIDING EGYPT. ADELL CLAIMS THAT QADHAFI INDICATED TO THE DIPLOMATS THAT LIBYA REGARDED SUCH AID AS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT. UAE AMBASSADOR CONFIDENTIAL

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WAS ESPECIALLY CASTIGATED FOR UAE'S ROLE IN SIDING WITH SAUDIS IN OPEC PRICE DISPUTE AND INFORMED, ACCORDING TO ADELL, THAT THE UAE WAS LITTLE MORE THAN A PUPPET OF SAUDIS AND THAT LIBYA WAS CONSIDERING WITHDRAWING AMBASSADOR.

2. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, MOROCAAN AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA

WAS CALLED IN MY MAJOR JALLUD LAST WEEK TO HEAR THE DISPLEASURE OF THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT OVER REMARKS CRITICAL OF LIBYA ATTRIBUTED TO KING HASSAN IN HIS RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE. THE MOROCCAN WAS INFORMED THAT IF THESE REMARKS WERE NOT SOON WITHDRAWN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD DETERIORATE SHARPLY.

3. QADHAFI HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED TO CONTINUE AN AGGRESSIVE AND BELLIGERENT POLICY TOWARD FRIENDS OR SUPPORTERS OF EGYPT. UNPRECEDENTED HARSH WORDS, HOWEVER, ERODE FURTHER HIS RELATIONS WITH BROTHER ARAB STATES.

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